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Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Has a lasting settlement been arrived at ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" That is my information, Sir. "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Has the Government been informed that a settlement has been arrived at in regard to the difficulties that arose in the matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" That is my information. "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Is the hon. Member aware that the compensation that was promised to the Adi-Dravidas has not been paid ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I am not aware of it. "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Is it not a fact that there are some cases pending in the civil courts against the Adi-Dravidas ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The Government are not aware of it. "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Why will not the Government make enquiries when the matter is brought to their notice that a settlement is not yet effected ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Because there was an end of the trouble. If the hon. Member thinks otherwise and wants more facts, I shall be prepared to enquire. "

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I know from the Government what makes them say that it is unnecessary to proceed with the cases ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Because they have been settled by a compromise. "

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" May I inform the hon. the Home Member that there was no compromise so far as Adi-Dravidas were concerned ? "

Alleged Hindu-Muslim clash in Vellore in July 1931.

* 233 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there was a clash between the Hindu processionists and the Muhammadan processionists on the evening of Tuesday, the 28th July 1931 at Vellore;

(*b*) what was the cause of the trouble and how did it develop;

(*c*) whether the scene of action was very near the police station;

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(*d*) why the police did not control the situation sooner than they did; and

(*e*) what steps the Government propose to take to avert such clashes between the communities in future?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A Hindu-Muslim clash occurred at Vellore on the night of July 28th. The cause of the trouble appears to have been the unexpected meeting of a Hindu procession, on its way to hold a meeting at which certain Congressmen were expected to speak, and a Muhammadan procession in honour of the Prophet's birthday which, however, has not been conducted in recent years and was organized this year without previous notice of any kind. Small parties of each community armed with sticks assaulted each other in various streets of the town, but no one was seriously injured. The Government have no information as to the distances of these scenes of assault from the Police station. The situation was speedily brought under control under the personal direction of the District Magistrate and District Superintendent of Police.

(*d*) The question is based on a misapprehension. The police acted with great promptitude and but for their prompt action the affair would probably have taken a much more serious turn.

(*e*) The Government feel that, generally speaking, responsible leaders on both sides can do more to promote feelings of goodwill between the two communities than can the Government. So far as actual clashes are concerned, the local authorities are always prepared to take any preventive action open to them by law if the necessity for it arises. In the present instance, the clash was so unexpected that preventive action was out of the question.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*e*) that the clash was so unexpected that preventive action was out of the question, may I know why the Police did not interfere but were merely looking on?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"They have promptly put down the trouble."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"The answer to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) gives the cause of the trouble, and that shows that members of the two communities were armed with sticks and prepared to come to a clash. So the Police must have been aware of it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"When the Police found that both the parties came out for a clash, they entered on the scene."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Is it not a fact that Hindu-Muslim relations were much strained there long before?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I do not know."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Are not the Government aware that on the Muharram occasion previously, there was some bundobust and expected trouble was prevented?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"There was some trouble then, but everything was settled soon after."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that similar Hindu-Muslim disturbances are looming in the horizon in Kilakarai in the Tinnevelly district and what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"The question does not arise."

Alleged injury caused to an old woman by Mr. H. G. Furness while driving his motor car.

11-30 a.m. * 234-A *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the police have enquired into the case of severe injuries caused to an old woman at about 12 noon on 11th July 1931 by Mr. H. G. Furness, Principal of the Police Training School, Vellore, while driving his motor car; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether information will be called for in this case?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I do not think any useful purpose will be served; if the hon. Member is very particular, I shall call for information."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Thank you, Sir; we do want it."

Non-observance of public holidays by the Principal, Police Training School, Vellore.

* 234-B *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether public holidays including penultimate Saturdays are not given effect to as such by the Principal of the Police Training School at Vellore; and

(*b*) on how many such holidays during the last six months the Principal held parades and classes?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"I want to know whether he does not want to call for information. Will he call for the information now?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"Yes."